

SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY

Apostolic Equipping Seminar

Spiritual Authority Training Manual

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Exercising Your Spiritual Authority

NB. All scripture quotes are taken from the New King James Version (NKJV) unless otherwise indicated

1. The Apostolic Mandate

1.1 Understanding the Apostolic Mandate

Key Verse: Luke 10:1

“After these things the Lord appointed **seventy** others also, and **sent** them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go”

Insights:

- Jesus commissioned seventy disciples in addition to the twelve apostles that he had sent out
- **‘Appointed’** - NT:322 - to lift something up to a new level, so as to disclose something that had previously been hidden
- These men were not apostles, they were disciples of Jesus
- **‘Sent’** - NT:649 – *Apostello (Greek)*: to send forth on a mission
- These believers received an apostolic commission to enter new places to prepare people to encounter Jesus
- **Apostle** - NT:652 - a delegate, an ambassador, one who has been sent on a military mission as a representative of a Kingdom, literally ‘a sent one’
- **Apostolic** - to be sent forth from a New Testament local church, anointed with supernatural power
- A believer may **not** be an apostle, but can be **sent** and **equipped** with supernatural power just as an apostle
- All believers are to be *‘apostello’*: set free, set apart and sent out on a mission into the community with authority and power
- **Mandate** (Webster’s Dictionary) - a command or authorization to act
 - an assignment entrusted to us by a higher authority
 - an authorization to act as a representative or ambassador
- Jesus has given an **apostolic mandate** to believers to go into the entire world to:
 - ✓ Proclaim the Gospel
 - ✓ Make disciples
 - ✓ Do this with signs, wonders and miracles (**Mark 16:17-20**)

1.2 The First Apostolic Mandate

Key Verse: Gen 1:28

“Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the sea, the birds of the air and everything that moves on earth”

Insights:

- Male and female were given the same mandate
 - i. **‘Be fruitful’** - to bear fruit, grow, increase, be productive
 - ii. **‘Multiply’** - become numerous, reproduce
 - iii. **‘Fill the earth’** - cause the earth to flourish and fulfill the purpose for which it was put in place
 - iv. **‘Subdue’** - to rule and reign over the earth as an ambassador of heaven, a delegated authority
- Adam and Eve were **jointly commissioned**, and sent by God into the earth to exercise spiritual authority and power, and to govern it as His representatives

1.3 Jesus' Apostolic Commission

Key Verses:

Matt 9:35-10:1

"Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, **preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease** among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest truly is plentiful but the labourers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of harvest to send out labourers into His harvest.' And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, **He gave them power** over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease."

Insights:

- Jesus demonstrated His authority by healing sickness and disease (**Matt 9:35**)
- When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they lost the authority and mandate they had received
- Satan usurped their authority and uses it against people (**Luke 4:6**)
- Jesus came to restore man and woman to relationship with God and empower them to fulfill God's purpose
- Jesus identified the great need for Holy Spirit empowered labourers (**v 37**)
- Jesus gave an apostolic commission to His disciples (**Matt 10:1, 7-8**)
- **'Power'** - NT:1849 - *'Exousia'* (Greek) authority to speak and act on His behalf
- Jesus is still looking for men and women who will arise, go forth and exercise dominion on His behalf

1.4 You Are Designed for Dominion

Key Verse: Ps 8:5-6

"For You have made him (man) a little lower than the angels* and You have **crowned him** with glory and honour. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put **all things** under his feet"

Insights:

- In the original Hebrew language, the word translated as 'angels' is the word 'Elohim' - God
- Man was designed to rule over angels (**1Cor 6:3**)
- Man was designed for dominion over all God's creation
- **'Crown'** - OT:5849 – the ornamental headgear worn by a sovereign head of state, symbolizing his right to rule
- You were born again by the Holy Spirit into the Family of God – a Royal Family (**1Pet2:9**)
- You are designed by God to exercise dominion on His behalf
- You are designed by God to subdue opposition to His purpose

Key Verse: Ps 149:5-9

"Let the saints be joyful in glory; let them sing aloud on their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand, to execute vengeance on the nations, and punishment on the peoples; to bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; to execute on them the written judgment - this **honour** have **all** His saints"

Insights:

- **'kings and nobles'** are evil spiritual powers that oppress, and have dominion over, people
- You are called to confront and subdue them

- This is an honor (privilege, majesty, ornament) that God gives to **all** His people
- The basic weapon of this warfare is 'words', spoken by God's authorized representative
- To take dominion is to rule where God has assigned you, and release His Kingdom in the earth

1.5 You Have been Commissioned

Key Verse: Matt 28:18

"And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in Heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'" Amen

Insights:

- Jesus declared He is the one with all the authority in Heaven and earth
- He gave the church a commission; a command, not a suggestion
- The Great Commission is to "disciple all nations" - this includes, but is not limited, to people
- The Great Commission includes government, business, media, sport, arts, science, education, and families
- The Great Commission is a mandate to influence and change the culture of all nations
- This does not take place in church meetings!
- This **does** take place when believers identify the 'metron' God has entrusted to them in the world, and set about advancing the Kingdom of God in it
- Spiritual authority must be understood, embraced, and exercised

1.6 You Are Anointed by The Holy Spirit

Key Verse: Acts 1:8

"But you shall **receive power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth"

Insights:

- Jesus promised to '**anoint**' us with the Holy Spirit
- The anointing is an empowering to accomplish the **apostolic mandate**
- The power of the Holy Spirit enables you to fulfill the **assignment** God has given you
 - Go!
 - Preach!
 - Heal the sick!
 - Cast out demons!
- You must receive instruction from the Father the same way Jesus did, and exercise authority and dominion over the things the Holy Spirit instructs you to

2. Identifying Your Spiritual 'Metron'

2.1 Every Believer is Called to Ministry

Key Verse: 1Cor 12:7

"But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to **each one** for the profit of all"

Insights:

- **Every** believer has been given something that will advance the Kingdom of God
- **Every** believer is given opportunity to manifest the life and power of the Spirit of God
- **Every** believer is called to be an ambassador of heaven (**2Cor 5:20**)
- **Every** believer needs to be equipped and prepared for apostolic ministry (**Eph 4:11-12**)

2.2 Every Believer Has a Sphere of Influence

Key Verse: 2Cor 10:13

“We will not boast of things without our measure but according to the measure (metron) of the rule (kanon) which God has distributed to us, a measure (metron) to reach even unto you” (KJV)

“We, however, will not boast beyond measure, but within the limits of the sphere which God has appointed us - a sphere which especially includes you” (NKJV)

Insights:

- ‘**Metron**’ - NT:3358 - a portioned-off measure, a determined extent, a measure or limit
- ‘**Kanon**’ - NT:3583 - one’s sphere of activity; a definitely bounded or fixed space within the limits of which one’s authority or influence is confined; a province or region assigned to a person
- **Every** believer has a ministry assignment entrusted to them by the Holy Spirit
- Your ‘metron’ is your place of ministry assignment and responsibility, your sphere of spiritual influence
- Your metron is a specific place where you have a physical presence and spiritual authority
- It could be a physical place, or a position of responsibility, or a group of people
- The Lord cordons off a specific area in which you can move in power and make the Kingdom of God known e.g. Paul with the Gentiles

2.3 Identifying Your ‘Metron’

Key Verse: 2Cor 10:15

“Not boasting of things beyond measure, that is in other men’s labours, but having hope, that as your faith is increased, we shall be greatly enlarged by you in our sphere.”

Insights:

- Paul clearly recognised his ‘metron’, the area of assignment and responsibility given to him
- Paul was careful not to go beyond his metron
- **Every** person has a metron. It is your responsibility to discover your metron and govern it
 - Your metron includes
 - ✓ Yourself
 - ✓ Your spouse
 - ✓ Your money
 - ✓ Your home
 - ✓ Your possessions
 - ✓ Your job – workplace
 - ✓ Your ministry
 - ✓ Your community
 - ✓ Wherever you are – (you are a walking embassy!)

NOTE

- Your metron includes **everything** over which God wants you to take responsibility
- Paul was careful **not** to go beyond his metron
- Going **beyond** your metron can empower evil spirits to operate (witchcraft)
- A mature believer has developed a strong sense of personal boundaries

2.4 Your Key Responsibilities

Key Verse: Luke 19:12-17, 26

“ 12 Therefore He said: “A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. 13 So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Do business till I come.’ 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We will not have this man reign over us.’ 15 And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had **gained by trading**. 16 Then came the first, saying ‘Master, your mina has earned ten minas.’ 17 And he said to him, ‘Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.’

(v26) “For I say to you that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him”

Insights:

- The nobleman going into a far country (v12) is Jesus Christ Himself
- The servants of the nobleman are believers in Christ
- Every believer is a servant of the Lord, entrusted to advance the Kingdom of God
- God expects every believer to be productive (v13)
- It is your responsibility to use your talents and abilities to establish order within your metron
- At the coming of the Lord, every believer is called to give an account to Him of how productive they have been (v15)
- Servants who have been productive will be commended, and rewarded with increased authority (v17)
- Servants who have failed to be productive will be rebuked and suffer **loss** (v26)
- Notice that God takes pleasure in, and rewards, faith, initiative, and perseverance

2.5 Practical Points

- ✓ Hold your metron in your heart – have a sense of responsibility for it (**Phil 1:6-7**)
- ✓ Trust the Holy Spirit to give you ability to manage and develop your metron (**1John 2:27**)
- ✓ Develop a clear vision for your metron – a picture of what is possible (**Prov 29:18**)
- ✓ Exercise spiritual authority to **subdue** any opposing spiritual forces (**Luke 10:19**)
- ✓ In order to have dominion within your metron, you have to demonstrate your presence
- ✓ Your metron must know you are there! You cannot be hidden and exert authority
- ✓ Actively and continually engage in cultivating and developing your metron
- ✓ When dealing with people you have to build trust before you can have access into their lives
- ✓ It is your responsibility to assert your God-given authority over any evil spirits that try to enter into your metron and operate there.

3. How You Exercise Spiritual Authority

3.1 The Example of Jesus

Key Verse: Luke 4:36

“They were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, ‘What a word this is!’ For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits and they come out”

Insights:

- Jesus had just cast out an unclean spirit from a man, by the exercising of spiritual authority
- **‘Authority’** - NT:1849 - *‘Exousia’ (Greek)*: the power of rule or government; the delegated legal right to speak and act on behalf of a Kingdom
- Authority is a delegated and legal right to speak or exert

- Example: a policeman in uniform has a delegated right to speak and act on behalf of the Government
- **'Power'** - NT:1849 - *'Dunamis' (Greek)*: the strength and ability to carry out a task
- Jesus received His authority from His Heavenly Father, as part of His commission
- Through intimacy and obedience He maintained His authority and power (**John 5:19**)
- Jesus exercised His authority by strong verbal command (v 35)
- The power Jesus demonstrated was the Holy Spirit flowing through Him (**Matt 12:28**)

3.2 You Have Been Given Authority

Key Verse: Luke 10:19

"Behold, I give you the **authority** (exousia) to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the **power** (dunamis) of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt you"

Insights:

- Jesus was responding to testimonies given by the seventy disciples of their dominion over demons
- **'Authority'** - NT:1849 - the power or right to give a command or to exercise force
- **'Serpents and scorpions'** - symbols of evil spirits and demonic powers
- Jesus identifies them as our enemy, ones that hate and desire to hurt you
- God gives **every** believer spiritual authority
- Spiritual Authority flows out of:
 - i. Your status (standing) with God (**Rom 5:1-2**)
 - ii. Your continuing relationship with God (**John 15:5**)
 - iii. Your yielding to the power of the Holy Spirit, by faith (**Matt 12:28**)

3.3 Key Insight on the Believer's Authority

- We do **not own it** – it is an entrustment from God (**John 6:38**)
- We must **use it rightly** – for the purpose it was given (**2 Cor 13:10**)
- We must **not presume** – do not act out of pride or independence (**Matt 7:21 -23**)
- We are **accountable** – to the One who gave us authority (**Rom 14:12**)

3.4 Areas Over Which You Have Authority

Key Verse: John 14:12

"Most assuredly I say unto you, he who believes in Me, **the works that I do he will do also**; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to My Father"

Insights:

- Jesus has entrusted **you** (a believer) with His authority and power
- You are called to do the supernatural works that Jesus did
- You must choose to exercise the authority entrusted you as a member of God's family

Examples:

- ✓ Authority to Invite the Holy Spirit to come in Power
- ✓ Authority to Bless
- ✓ Authority to Break Bondages
- ✓ Authority to Break Curses
- ✓ Authority to Cast Out Demons
- ✓ Authority for Physical Healing

- ✓ Authority for Inner healing
- ✓ Authority for Binding and Loosing
- ✓ Authority to Forgive
- ✓ Authority to Raise from the Dead

3.5 Keys for Exercising Spiritual Authority

a. Know Who You Are – Your Standing With God

Key Verse: Rom 8:15-16

“For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear; but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father”. **The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God”**

Insights:

- Your authority flows out of the position (status) that God has given you
- Spiritual authority is part of **who you are**
- You carry authority in the spirit realm **because** you are a child of God, a member of a royal family
- To exercise spiritual authority you must be confident who you are – an ambassador!

b. Position Yourself Under Authority

Key Verse: James 4:7

“Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you”

Insights:

- **‘Submit’** – NT:5293 – to place yourself under the authority of a superior officer so as to work together to gain a military victory
- Submission is an attitude of heart that recognizes and yields to the authority of God
- Positioning yourself under the authority and direction of the Holy Spirit enables you to move in authority eg The Centurion in Matt 8: 8-10 – submission = great faith

c. Listen to The Voice of God – **Revelation**

Key Verse: John 5:19-20

“Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever he does, the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.”

Insights:

- Jesus’ authority flowed out of His position as a Son, and also out of **personal intimacy**
- Jesus never presumed or acted independently
- He was submitted to the Father to do the things that pleased Him
- As you have fellowship and develop intimacy with God, your authority grows
- To exercise authority on behalf of God, you **must know** what He wants to accomplish

d. Speak Forth Strong Verbal Commands – **Vocal**

Key Verse: Mark 11:22-23

“So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.”

Insights:

- The entire invisible spirit world is listening when we direct words toward it
- To assert authority you must do it vocally, by issuing a command
- **Command** (Webster's Dictionary) - to issue an order with expectation that it will be carried out
- The spirit world **cannot** turn a deaf ear to the commands of God's anointed servants who are speaking and acting on His behalf
- Jesus commanded:
 - Sickness (**Luke 4:39**)
 - Demons (**Mark 9:25**)
 - Winds (**Luke 8:24**)
 - Trees (**Mark 11:14**)
 - dead people (**Luke 7:14**)

e. Speak In The 'Name of Jesus'

Key Verse: Acts 16:18

"And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And he came out that very hour"

Insights:

- 'In the Name of Jesus' means you are acting as Jesus' personal representative upon the earth
- It means you are acting directly under His authority
- It means that you are doing what He requires to be done
- You are Jesus' ambassador bringing Heaven to earth
- It is **not** some 'magic formula' for power to flow
- It means you speak as the representative of Jesus

f. Expect a Response to Your Command – Active Faith

Key Verse: Mark 11: 24

"Therefore, I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."

Insights:

- Commanding must be **strong**, and must flow from within your spirit man
- 'Not doubt in your heart' - there must be **confident** expectation that the words you speak carry weight ie will be heard and responded to!
- Spiritual kingdoms are enforced by spirits that ride upon, or are activated by, words spoken by someone with **authority** to do so

Example:

Peter: "In the Name of Jesus Christ **rise up and walk**" (**Acts 3:6**)

Paul: "... said with a **loud voice** 'stand up straight on your feet' ..." (**Acts 14:10**)

Paul: "Said to the spirit '**I command you** in the Name of Jesus Christ come out of him" (**Acts 16:18**)

Peter: "... turning to the body and said, 'Tabitha, **arise!**' And she opened her eyes" (**Acts 9:40**)

Note The Pattern:

Revelation + Words Spoken + Active Faith = Manifestation of Holy Spirit

4. Exercising Authority in Your Personal Life

4.1 The First Place to Gain Dominion – Yourself

Key Verse: Eph 4:27

“Nor give place to the devil”

Insights:

- This is written to believers
- **‘Place’** - NT:5117 - opportunity, foothold, legal ground
- The first place to gain victory is over your own life
- You must recognize strategies that evil spirits use to manipulate and control your life
- You must close these ‘gates’ or doors of entrance
- Jesus gave the devil no place in His life (**John 14:30**)

4.2 Wicked Spirits Seek to Make You Ineffective

Key Verse: 2 Cor 2:11

“Lest Satan should take advantage of us for we are not ignorant of his devices”

Insights:

- **‘Advantage’** - NT:4122 - to defraud, to take what belongs to another by deceit
- **‘Ignorant’** - NT:50 - to lack knowledge or information, or to ignore as irrelevant or requiring effort

Common Ways Spirits Attack

- Evil spirits seek to neutralize believers by attacks upon:
 - i) Body – addictions, sickness, weakness
 - ii) Soul – conflict, emotional turmoil, accusation, temptation
 - iii) Spirit – heaviness, oppression, passivity
 - iv) Finances – unexplained damage, loss, accidents, theft
 - v) Relationships – confusion, offense, misunderstandings
 - vi) Circumstances – setbacks, blockages, irritations
- You **must** exercise dominion over these areas

4.3 Closing Spiritual Gates of Your Past

Key Verse: Matt 16:18

“And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall **not prevail** against it”.

Insights:

- **‘Gate’** - a portal through which spirits pass from the spirit world into the natural world to destroy
- Legal opportunities that exist for evil spirits to access your life must be identified and closed
- You have **authority** to shut down these gates
- God has promised you the victory **James 4:7**

Common Gates That Evil Spirits Exploit

Some of the claims evil spirits may be able to make on you come through events and agreements of the past:

i) Vows - Ecc 5:2,6

- A vow is a solemn promise, pledge, or personal commitment, made verbally

- Ancestral vows are commitments made by members of your ancestral line that open the door for demonic oppression eg spiritualism, idolatry, freemasonry
- Personal vows are words spoken over your life that open the door for demonic oppression
- You have **authority** to cancel **all** such vows or agreements

ii) Curses - Prov 26:2

- A curse is words spoken that release evil spirits to destroy
- The power behind a curse is an evil spirit
- Common word curses may originate from:
 - Parents or close relatives
 - Teachers or authority figures
 - Self-cursing
- You have **authority** to break **all** such curses

iii) Dedications - Ps 106:37

- **'Dedicate'** (Webster's Dictionary) - to set apart, or devote to a god, or for a special purpose
- People from Asian, African, or American Indian ancestry may have been dedicated to false gods and evil spirits as an infant
- You have **authority** to cancel **any** such dedication

iv) Sin - Eph 4:27

- Sinful actions of ancestors, or your own personal sin, can open the door to oppressive evil spirits
- Sometimes family lines are weakened and infected with recurring patterns of sin
- You have **authority** to break **any** power evil spirits may have gained in your family or personal life through sin

Keys to Closing the Gates

- 1) **Pray** strongly in tongues - **energize** your spirit
- 2) **Listen** for direction of the Holy Spirit - Revelation
- 3) **Speak** words **strongly** from your spirit to
 - Repent of any personal sin
 - Renounce the vow/curse/dedication/sin
 - Break any demonic claims and cancel their right of access
 - Decree blessing over your life
- 4) **Expect** the spirit world to respond to the words you speak!

4.4 Recognizing Spiritual Attacks

Key Verse: Rev 12:10-11

"Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, 'Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And **they overcome him** (the Accuser) by the Blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death"

Insights:

- Demonic pressure against the life of a believer is unrelenting - **"day and night"** (v10)

- Spiritual attacks are primarily aimed at undermining **your standing** before God so that your spiritual authority is lost
- Spiritual attacks come in the form of
 - Accusation
 - Heaviness
 - Temptation
 - Confusion
 - Oppression at night
- You have **authority** to arise and defeat **all** such spiritual attacks

4.5 Dealing with Spiritual Attacks

Key Verse: James 4:7

“Submit to God, resist the devil and he will flee from you”

Insights:

- **‘Submit’** - NT:5293 - to position yourself under the leadership and authority of Jesus Christ
- **‘Resist’** - NT:436 - to stand against, to reply by speaking aloud
- **‘Flee’** - NT:5343 - to seek safety by running away, to run away from danger

Keys to Overcoming:

1. Identify what you are feeling, experiencing
2. What triggered that feeling?
3. **Pray strongly** in tongues - energize your spirit
4. **Listen** for any promptings of the Holy Spirit
5. Speak **directly** into the invisible spirit world
6. **Forbid** the operation of that spirit **in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ** - assert your authority
7. **Speak** the Word of God over your life/situation
8. **Praise** the Lord (**Ps 8:2**)
9. Redirect your attention

4.6 Self-Deliverance

Key Verse: Prov 6: 4-5

“Give no sleep to your eyes, nor slumber to your eyelids. 5 Deliver yourself like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, and like a bird from the hand of the fowler.”

Insights:

- Satan is called the “fowler”, one who hunts, traps and destroys wild birds
- Wild animals trapped in a snare struggle violently to break free
- God commands His people (us) to **“Deliver yourself”** – to seek our own deliverance (v5)
- God puts responsibility in our hands to seek and find freedom from Satan’s snares
- Deliverance is a matter of urgency (v4)
- Deliverance requires co-operation with God (**Ps 91:3**)

Steps to Self-Deliverance

Key Verse: James 4:7

“Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will **flee** from you”

a) Preparation

- ✓ Prayer and fasting (**Matt 17:21**)
- ✓ Repentance of known sin (**Prov 28:13; 2 Tim 2:24-26**)
- ✓ Forgiveness of others and self (**Mark 11:25-26**)

b) Direct Confrontation

- ✓ Energize your spirit by strongly praying in tongues (**1 Cor 14:14**)
- ✓ Strongly declare your personal faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour (**Rom 10:9-10**)
- ✓ Speak strongly and break any soul ties or curses, in Jesus' name
- ✓ Speak strongly from within your spirit to any spirits inhabiting your soul or body
 - Speak **directly** to the spirit
 - Speak to it **by name**, or activity
 - **Command** it to go!
 - Insist that **it leaves**
 - **Cough** as a faith action to expel the spirit [**spirit 'pneuma'** (Greek): breathe]

Note #1: There may be manifestations, for example:

- Headaches
- Nausea
- Weakness
- Shaking
- Crying
- Strong coughing

Note #2: Often spirits leave through the respiratory tract ie mouth and nose, for example:

- yawning
- coughing
- belching
- vomiting

As the deliverance progresses, you may feel a release of pressure or relieved of a burden, and instead feel light and clean inside

Persist until you feel there is **total** release!

c) Follow Through

- ✓ Spend time daily in praise and worship
- ✓ Discipline your life – stop sinning
- ✓ Daily be filled with the Holy Spirit

5. Your Authority to Minister to People

5.1 You are Authorized to do the Works of Jesus

Key Verse: John 14:12

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he shall do also; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to my Father”

Insights:

- **“The works that I do”** - miracles, signs and wonders

- Jesus was sent by the Father and authorized to speak and act on His behalf
- Believers are sent by Jesus Christ (**John 20:21**) and authorized to speak and act on His behalf

5.2 You Are Anointed to Minister

Key verse: Luke 4:18-19

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord”

Insights:

- Jesus was sent (authorized) to speak and act on behalf of the Father in heaven
- Jesus was anointed (empowered) by the Holy Spirit to do miracles, and minister to the needs of people
- You are sent (authorized) and anointed (empowered) by the Holy Spirit to minister to people

5.3 You Have Authority To:

1. Lead People to Christ

“... He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor ...” **Luke 4:18**

- Every believer is authorized to share the Gospel
- Every believer is authorized to lead people to Christ
- You need to be confident in how to do this by preparing a simple Gospel Message
- Only the Holy Spirit can convict a person of their need for Christ and regenerate them
- Your part is to connect with people and be sensitive to opportunities to share

(Acts 8:35-38)

2. Invite the Holy Spirit

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me ...” **Luke 4:18**

- The Holy Spirit empowers you to minister
- Listen to His promptings and directions
- You are authorized to pray for people to be filled with the Holy Spirit (**Acts 19:6**)
- Prayer makes room for the Spirit of God to move powerfully (**Acts 4:31**)

3. Minister Inner Healing

“... He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted...” **Luke 4:18**

- When people are hurt in relationships they may become ‘broken hearted’
- Negative emotions such as fear, grief, anger, bitterness may prevail
- People often form defensive inner reactions as a coping mechanism
- Demons use pain, stress, and trauma to enter people’s lives
- You are authorized to minister healing to the broken hearted (**Mark 1:41**)

4. Cast out Evil Spirits

“... to proclaim liberty to the captives ...” **Luke 4:18**

- ‘**Captive**’ - NT:164 - prisoner of war, held at spear-point
- Jesus’ ministry constantly involved casting out spirits (Matt 12:28)
- You are authorized to cast spirits out of people
- You are authorized to continue this work of Jesus (Acts 16:16)

5. Heal the Sick

“... and recovery of sight to the blind...” **Luke 4:18**

- Sickness is **not** the plan of God for man
- Sickness originates from the devil
- Healing the sick demonstrates the authority of Jesus Christ over all the devil’s powers (**Matt 8:16**)
- You are authorized to continue this work of Jesus (**Acts 3:6-8**)

6. Break Bondages

“... to set at liberty those who are oppressed...” **Luke 4:18**

- **‘Bondage’** (Webster’s Dictionary) - being subjected to some external power or control, being chained or restricted
- Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil (**1 John 4:8**)
- Examples of Bondages
 - Inner Vows
 - Bitter-Root Judgments
 - Death Wishes
 - Soul Ties
 - Word curses
 - Ungodly Burdens
- You are **authorized** to break bondages and set people free

7. Bless and Impart

“to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord” **Luke 4:19**

- This refers to the Jewish year of Jubilee (**Lev 25**)
- In this year debts were forgiven and people came into the blessing of their inheritance
- You are authorized to forgive and release (**John 20:23**)
- You are authorized to bless
- **‘Bless’** - NT:2127 –to speak well of, to speak words that impart encouragement and spiritual life (**Luke 24:50**)
- You are authorized to impart the Life of God, the anointing of the Holy Spirit
- ‘Impart’ – NT:3330 – to share, to release into the life of another the spiritual empowerment that you possess (**Rom 1:1**)

5.4 Practical Considerations

Key Verse: Mark 11:22-24

“So Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever **says to this mountain**, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and **does not doubt in his heart, but believes** that those things he says will be done, **he will have whatever he says**. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

Insights:

- **Listen** to the Holy Spirit - don’t presume
- **Ask** the person for permission to minister
- Explain what will happen
 - What **their** part is
 - What **your** part is

- Ask permission before laying hands on the person
- Spiritual authority must be exercised by **speaking words** into the spirit world, and **directly** to the issue

The Key Pattern

Revelation + Words Spoken + Active Faith = Manifestation of the Power of the Holy Spirit

6. Strengthening Your Spirit Man

6.1 Divine Design

Key Verse: Gen 2:7

“And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and **breathed into his nostrils the breath of life;** and the man became a living soul”

Insights:

- Man is made in the image of God – He is a spirit being
- You are a Spirit being, with a soul, dwelling in a body
- Your Spirit does not function according to the natural laws which govern this world
- Your Spirit is not limited in shape or size
- Your Spirit provides energy and life force to your body and soul
- Spiritual authority flows out from within Your spirit (**Prov 4:23**)

6.2 Some Functions of Your Spirit

i) Your Spirit Sustains Your Life

Key Verse: James 2:26

“For as **the body without the spirit is dead,** so faith without works is dead also”

Insights:

- Your Spirit provides energy and life to your soul and body
- If the Spirit of a person is withdrawn, that person dies
- Your Spirit can be broken (**Prov 17:22**)
- Your Spirit can be wounded (**Prov 18:14**)
- When your Spirit is broken or wounded you have less resistance to disease

ii) Your Spirit Energizes and Inspires Your Thoughts

Key Verses: Prov 20:27

“**The spirit of a man is the lamp of the LORD,** searching all the inner depths of his heart”

1 Cor 2:11

“For what man knows the things of a man except **the spirit of the man which is in him?** Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God”

Insights:

- Your spirit provides life and energy that flows (**Prov 4:23**)
- When your spirit flows, you are able to think clearly
- As you speak and your spirit flows forth, your mind is ‘quickened’ with thoughts
- Your spirit is like a flashlight, lighting up your soul and revealing your thoughts
- The life of your spirit can manifest on your face
- When people are full of life there is a spiritual brightness or ‘glow’ on their face (**Ps 34:5**)

iii) Your Spirit Flows Out To Impact People

Key Verses: Prov 4:23

“Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it **flows** the issues of life”

John 7:38

He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will **flow** rivers of living water”

Insights:

- The influence of your spirit can **‘flow’** out beyond your body and impact the world around you eg
 - You **‘feel’** a person sneaking up behind you
 - You **‘feel’** a person staring at you
 - You **‘feel’** the presence of a person with authority
- The influence of a person’s spirit can be ‘felt’ eg
 - A very angry person - people ‘feel’ the anger
 - A peaceful person - people ‘feel’ the peace
 - A person full of self-pity - people ‘feel’ the drain
 - An arrogant person - people ‘feel’ put down
- Speaking words is one way in which your spirit is released to flow out and impact people (**John 6:63**)

6.3 Your Spirit can be Strengthened

Key Verse: Eph 3:16

“that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be **strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man**”

Insights:

- The **“inner man”** refers to your spirit, which is joined to the Holy Spirit
- **‘Strengthened’** - NT:2901 - to be empowered, made strong, increase in dominion and might
- **‘Might’** - NT:1411 - supernatural ability, force, militant ability
- The source of this Strengthening of your spirit is the Holy Spirit Himself
- Believers must take responsibility to develop and strengthen their spirit
- Your spirit can be strengthened - “and the child (Jesus) grew and **became strong in spirit**, filled with wisdom. And the grace of God was upon Him” (**Luke 2:40**)

6.4 Keys to Strengthening Your Spirit

1. Praying Strongly in Tongues

Key Verses: 1 Cor 14:14, 4

“for if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prays but my understanding is unfruitful” (**v 14**)

“He who speaks in an unknown tongue edifies himself” (**v 4**)

Insights:

- Praying in Tongues exercises your spirit
- Praying in Tongues gives expression to words inspired by the Holy Spirit
- Praying in Tongues strongly and fluently, strengthens and builds your spirit
- As you speak, spirit, soul, and body are energized with life
- **‘Edifies’** - NT:3618 - to build or construct a house

2. Confession of The Word of God

Key Verses: John 6:63

“The words that I speak to you are **spirit** and they are **life**”

Heb 3:1

“consider the Apostle and High Priest of our **confession**, Christ Jesus”

Insights:

- Spoken words release spiritual substance, spirit life
- God’s Words spoken from our spirit and wholeheartedly embraced impart spiritual strength and life
- **‘Confession’** - NT:3671 - to speak the same thing, or to speak and embrace with confidence
- **Confessing the Word of God** activates the High Priest ministry of Jesus to open heaven’s resources to us
- **Strong, personalized** confession of the Word of God **embraced** fully, strengthens your spirit eg “I am strong in the Lord and in the Power of His Might” (**Eph 6:10**)

3. Worship – Intimacy with God**Key Verse: 2 Cor 3:18**

“But we all with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being **transformed** into the same image, from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord”

Insights:

- As we engage God in Worship there is a flow of life imparted from His Spirit to ours
- There is an impartation of His Glory - His Nature and goodness to us
- **‘Transformed’** - NT:3339 - metamorphosis, inner and outer transformation

4. Exercising Your Spiritual Imagination**Key Verse: 1 Tim 4:15**

“**Meditate** on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress might be evident to all”

Insights:

- **‘Meditate’** - NT:3191 - to revolve in the mind, focus your interest upon, give repeated attention to, constantly picture in your mind
- Whatever you focus your attention upon you will open your heart up to
- Repeated use of your spiritual imagination to picture and agree with the realities of **God’s Word** opens your spirit to receive revelation and impartation
- Allow yourself to ‘feel’ the reality of your thoughts
- Repetition of an experience forms ‘pathways’ in your mind, making it easier to experience God again

5. Yielding To Obey The Holy Spirit**Key Verse: Heb 5:14**

“who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil”

Insights:

- Spiritual sensitivity is developed by practice
- **‘Use’** - NT:1838 - something developed by regular practice so it is part of your life
- **‘Exercise’** - NT:1128 - to practice for the Olympics by casting off every hindrance
- Practice constantly identifying spiritual impressions and sensations

- Practice speaking forth and exercising your God-given authority over your body, soul and circumstances
- “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the lord and in the power of His might” **(Eph 6:10)**

Appendix

A. Keys to Ministering in the Spirit

1. Identity

- God has made you a Minister of The Spirit **(2 Cor 3:6)**
- You are joined to the Holy Spirit **(1 Cor 6:17)**
- You are not there to pray 'nice' empty prayers, but to release the Kingdom of God into the earth to bring about a miracle
- That Kingdom is outside you - it is also within you
- "Look on us...such as I have I give to you." **(Acts 3:4-6)**

2. Connection

- Connect with the person
- Don't withdraw because of feelings of inadequacy
- Take hold of the person's hand **(Mark 1:31; 8:23; 9:27)**
- Relax - Don't 'try' to make something happen
- Look them in the eye - connect with your heart **(Mark 1: 41)**
- Meditate...become conscious of the presence of God
- Notice what you are feeling? Thinking? Conscious of?
- Keep your mind directed towards God - your Source **(Luke 9:16)**
- Be aware of the presence of God **within** you - and the presence of God **coming upon** the person

3. Attitude

- Your spirit responds to your thoughts and attitude
- Whatever you direct your mind to, your spirit opens up to
- Fear and self consciousness will close up your spirit
- As you minister, keep directing your thoughts toward the Lord in expectation
- Have an attitude of expectation for the Holy Spirit to move
- Be yourself - don't try to 'perform' or be 'spiritual'

4. Verbal Command

- Power is released by Command
- Assert spiritual authority by verbal command **(Luke 10:19)**
- You must put your inner man into the words you speak **(Mark 11:23)**
- Command demons to go **(Acts 16:18)**
- Command sickness to leave **(Acts 3: 6)**
- Break bondages by verbal **command** **(Mark 11:23)**
- **Speak words of life** (Acts 9:40)

5. Impartation

- Power is released by Impartation
- Paul desired to impart spiritual Gifts **(Rom 1:11)**
- 'Impart' (Webster's Dictionary) - to share something you possess **(2 Tim 1:6)**
- Impartation occurs as a flow from within you **(Luke 6:19)**
- You must give from **within** your spirit **(1 Cor 6:17)**
- Lay hands on their head and release what you have
eg by speaking and/or by breathing on them **(John 20:22)**

B. Practical Guidelines

1. Personal

- Personal hygiene:
 - make sure to use deodorant!
 - keep your breath fresh - use Breath Fresheners
- Wear light, loose, modest clothing

2. Connect and Relate

- Be honest with them
- Be willing to take time
- Keep confidences shared (unless you need to refer their situation on)
- Treat people with respect
- Where possible, woman pray with women, and men with men

3. Prepare People To Receive

- Encourage people with words
- Explain their part in co-operating with ministry
- Be willing to confront root sin issues
- Build expectation that God will move
- Ask permission to minister to people - don't presume
- Ask permission to lay hands upon them - don't presume
- Keep your hands in view and ensure touch is appropriate
- Be cautious about where you lay hands eg head, shoulders

4. Possible Experiences as You Minister

The person you are praying for may experience some of the following sensations

- Shaking
- Body or hands stiffen
- Eyelids flutter
- Sensation of heat
- Tears /Grief
- **Falling:**
 - make sure a catcher is positioned to catch the person safely
 - place one hand behind the person's neck to help prevent them suddenly falling backwards, and possibly hurting themselves
- Demons manifest
 - Don't focus on, or require, manifestations

5. Be Aware of 'Blocks' to Ministry

a) Personal Blocks

- Fear - focus attention on the Lord - 'see' Him blessing
- Self Consciousness - focus attention on the Lord
- Pressure to perform - relax and stop 'trying'
- Unresolved issues - deal with these quickly
- Lack of Prayer - expect His Grace - and change!

b) Ministry Blocks

- Unforgiveness - lead them to forgive
- Lack of repentance - lead them to repent
- Unbelief - rebuke demonic spirits
- Control - rebuke demonic spirits

6. Stay sensitive to the Holy Spirit

- Don't lean on methods or experience
- Lean on The Holy Spirit to direct you
- Listen for Holy Spirit promptings
- Respond to impressions the Holy Spirit gives you
eg a word, a picture, or a sensation
- Ensure a 'Catcher' is standing behind them, and is alert
- Avoid 'pushing' or 'rocking' them, as you minister
- Speak and release the Power of God

7. Get Feedback

- Where possible get feedback from the person you ministered to
- Ask what they have experienced, or what they thought took place
- Be willing to pray again
- **Never** instruct anyone to stop taking any prescribed medicine -
the occurrence of a **miracle should be verified by their doctor**, who is responsible
to determine whether medication should be stopped or not

C. House Cleansing

1. The Clean House

Key Verse: Deut 7:25-26

"You shall burn the carved images of their gods with fire; you shall not covet the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it for yourselves, lest you be snared by it; for it is an abomination to the Lord your God. Nor shall you bring an abomination into your house, lest you be doomed to destruction like it. You shall utterly detest it and utterly abhor it, for it is an accursed thing."

Insights:

- **'Snared'** - OT:3369 - to set a trap, lay a snare, to catch using a baited trap
- Evil spirits are able to enter and inhabit objects used for idolatry and occult practices
- Sometimes occult practitioners invoke spirits into objects before selling them to others
- These objects then become spiritual gates or portals through which evil spirits can gain access to homes and oppress people
- Evil spirits are able to enter and inhabit dwellings whenever people invite them or open the spiritual door to them
- Idolatry, spiritism, occult practices, sexual abuse and violent crime can open the door for evil spirits to enter a home and remain there
- God warned Israel not to bring defiled objects into their houses (v26)
- God commanded Israel to "utterly detest" such objects and destroy them even if they had financial value (v25)

- Houses need to be cleansed of demonic defilement and become a place full of the presence of God

2. Common Indications That a House Needs Cleansing

- Unexplained noises or sounds at night
- Objects move spontaneously
- Doors open and close without people moving
- Spirit beings appear at night
- Unexplained areas of 'coldness'
- Constant sickness
- Constant oppression or heaviness
- Recurring nightmares
- Constant relational turmoil or conflict
- Young children terrified of unseen beings

Note: If these symptoms occurred for the first time after entering a new dwelling place, the problem is most likely demonic infestation of the building

3. Key Areas to Deal With In House Cleansing

Key Verse: Deut 7:2

“and when the Lord your God delivers them over to you, you shall conquer them and utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them.”

Insights:

- God delivered the enemy over into the hands of Israel as His authorized representative
- God required Israel to **conquer** and utterly **destroy** the defiled inhabitants of Canaan
- God called Israel to adopt a policy of **no compromise**
- You **cannot** compromise with demonic spirits

Principal Sources of Defilement

1. Defilement caused by the presence of ungodly objects in the building
2. Defilement caused by the activities of previous inhabitants
3. Defilement caused by curses on the building or land

4. Objects That Cause Defilement

Some common objects that act as spiritual gates for evil spirits are:

- i. Pagan objects of art
 - Certain statues
 - Pictures that glorify false gods, or sex
- ii. Idols or occult objects
 - Objects used in spiritism
 - Occult jewellery
 - Masonic regalia
 - Occult books
 - Ouija boards
 - Occult toys
 - Some music

- Some video games
- iii. Pornography
 - Pictures
 - Magazines
 - DVDs/Video Clips/Movies
- iv. Illegal drugs

Note:

- You have responsibility/authority **only** over your own possessions
- Parents have responsibility over the whole home
- Wisdom is needed in handling objects owned by children/teens
- Some objects are neutral, some are clearly occultic or defiled
- Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you concerning the different objects

5. Practical Steps in House Cleansing

a) Seek Revelation and Wisdom

- ✓ Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal what objects need to be dealt with (Revelation)
- ✓ Ask Him to guide you in the process (Wisdom)

b) Destroy Defiling Objects

- ✓ Identify obviously defiling objects in the house and remove them to be destroyed
(Acts 19:19)
- ✓ Pray over objects that you are less certain about
- ✓ Let the Holy Spirit guide you as to whether to just pray over the object, or get rid of it altogether

c) Confront Defiling Spirits

- ✓ **Pray strongly** in tongues and exalt Jesus Christ
- ✓ **Vocally affirm** the Lordship of Jesus Christ
- ✓ **Speak strongly** into the spirit atmosphere, and directly to any spirit that is present
 - break/cancel all agreements made by previous tenants, with evil spirits
 - break all curses that have opened the door for evil spirits to enter and inhabit
 - command the spirits to go from your house – be insistent!
- ✓ Welcome the Holy Spirit to come and fill the place with His Presence and Power
- ✓ You may decide to move from room to room, repeating the process
- ✓ Apply oil to anoint the room as you feel led by the Holy Spirit